

DX LISTENING DIGEST 7-154, December 20, 2007
Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
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Fri 0730	WRMI	9955**
Fri 1200	KAIJ	5755 [off air in Dec but webcasting]
Fri 1200	WRMI	9955**
Fri 2130	WWCR1	15825 [not expected 7465]
Fri 2330	WBCQ	5110-CLSB [NEW from Dec 21]
Sat 0900	WRMI	9955
Sat 1730	WWCR3	12160
Sat 2230	WRMI	9955
Sun 0330	WWCR3	5070
Sun 0730	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0900	WRMI	9955
Sun 1200	WRMI	9955 [new]
Sun 1615	WRMI	7385
Mon 0400	WBCQ	9330-CLSB [irregular]
Mon 0515	WBCQ	7415 [time varies]
Mon 0930	WRMI	9955**
Tue 1130	WRMI	9955**
Tue 1630	WRMI	7385
Wed 0830	WRMI	9955**

WORLD OF RADIO, CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL SCHEDULE:

Latest edition of this schedule version, including AM, FM, satellite and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:
<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

For updates see our Anomaly Alert page:
<http://www.worldofradio.com/anomaly.html>

WRN ON DEMAND:

<http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24>

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS VIA WRN NOW AVAILABLE:

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<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the interval between 7-152 and 7-153, we already have enough material for 7-155, which will be issued ASAP

** ALAND ISLANDS. Re 7-153 Finland item. Turku Radio 1677 transmitter is located in Mariehamn, Aland Islands according to listings, if no recent change has happened (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. ABC NT Domestic HF Service. 2485 kHz, Katherine NT near Darwin (SE) Dec 20, 2007, 1037 UT, SINPO 13222.

Exciting tropical band DX contact. Sigs were very weak, but could follow the music (country) through the static. At 1030 UT, female reporter/announcer began with territorial news; required headphones to copy speech. Story about a boy found in the NT. Voice was definitely Australian. About 1037 resumed music. Rig is Kenwood TS-440S with G5RV at 60 feet, used ATU at 1033, only slight improvement when matched. Male voice at 1055 announcement was too deep in tone to make out words. 1056 UT, 10 sec cyclic fade began. Female announce at 1059 UT. 1100 UT resumed music. ABC news 1130. At 1128, I re-tuned shortly to 2310 KHz and heard a carrier, possibly Alice Springs/Roe Creek. If they were sending CW (Morse) vice broadcasting, it would have been solid copy.

Passport blue pages list Katherine station running 50 kW from 0830 to 2130 UT. Nothing heard at 1137 on 2325, Tennant Creek.

At 1140, sigs at 2485 improved a bit; but cyclic fade made intelligent copy difficult. Announcement at 1200 UT, music resumed at 1201. Occasional lightning crash, possibly mid-tropical-Pacific, was an annoyance one had to deal with. 73 (Jim Wylder, WPE6FCL, E. Bremerton WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. RA, 6020, still has co-channel QRM from that motor-boating defective transmitter, believed to be Vietnam, Dec 20 at 1340 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. Re: 7-152: Re 7-151: Northernmost radio station is

gone

It would seem the trusty World Radio TV Handbook might be able to solve this problem. The 2007 version lists (at the end of the Norway entry) a 1 kW station on 1485 kHz in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, and even give coordinates of 25.24 E / 78.14 N. They also list no fewer than 10(!) FM relays around the territory - the two in Ny-Alesund on 91.3 and 94.8 would seem to be the farthest north. According to this page <http://www.fallingrain.com/world/SV/0/NyAlesund.html> Ny-Alesund is just shy of 79 degrees north - 78'55". That would seem to easily beat any remaining stations in Canada or Greenland (Mark Schiefelbein, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Re 7-152: Just to confirm. Tony Orr says 1380 [CKLC Kingston] is definitely off the air. He was able to hear CKPC, Brantford in Kingston yesterday. Another one bites the dust! Tony is a bit sentimental about it I think as he spent most of his career there. Back during the ice storm of '98 CKLC was the last station on the air, and remained on the air throughout the crisis. He can tell some pretty interesting stories from that event as he pretty much lived at the station (an on the air for much of it) for 3 or 4 days! Speaking of wx, hunkering down the the storm approaching! Talk later, (Greg Schatzmann, via Andy Reid, Ont., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. On 20 Dec 2007 noted Chad, RNT N'Djamena on 4905 at 1627. French program, into Arabic at 1700. Strong signal, blocking the Chinese station on this frequency (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, very strong here 1946 in French with talk (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, UK, ibid.)

4905 at 16xx 19xx and 2030 Chad (presumed per recent logs) with very nice signal S9+10-20 dB ON 2020+ with nice hlife songs. Chad is many times mentioned at 2041, followed again with hlife songs (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece 2043 UT Dec 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4905, Radio N'Djamena, 2113-2130, escuchada el 20 de diciembre en idioma franc  s a locutor con invitado, entrevista y comentarios, referencias a los Musulmanes y Cat  licos, referencias al presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal; se aprecia de fondo con se  al muy d  bil emisi  n musical china, PBS Xizang v  a Lhasa, corto segmento de m  sica afro-pop a modo de sinton  a, referencia a N'Djamena, corto bolet  n de noticias, locutora con ID i  Radio du Tchad..  , SINPO 44444 (Jos   Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108 YAESU FRG-7700, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4905, Dec 20, 2000-2015, Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne. French.

SINPO 45423 (Markus, location unknown, HCDX online log via DXLD)

Had been inactive? Not in Thorsten Hallman's main africalist
<http://www.muenster.org/uwz/ms-alt/africalist/africalist.pdf>
but mentioned 4904 (as it originally was, not 4905) as an alternate to
6165, 7120; so now off 6165? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4904.97 kHz closed with trumpet, played National Anthem from 2228:20
to 2229:23 UT. No Chad \\ observed on nominal 6165 kHz tonight, even
after co-channel TRT Emirler powerhouse left 6165 kHz at 2159. So
probably Chad left 6165 in favor of 4905 on 1600-2230, in order to
avoid TRT Emirler Turkish with 500 kW, which uses that channel in B-07
for the first time. 73 wb

Martin Schoech's QSL card list show some 4904.5 QSL entries of early
2000 year. <http://www.schoechi.de/af-tcd.html>
Measured approx. 4904.97 kHz around 2030 UT. This odd frequency to
prevent assumption of use Colonel Ghaddafi's THIRD transmitter at
Tripoli Sabrata instead, like on insurgent uprisings in Chad in early
90ties. 73 wolfgang (Wolfgang B.schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ? I don't
quite follow what that has to do with this QSY (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA. Voice of Pujiang, Shanghai heard on 3280 at 1339 UT 20 Dec
2007. Good sig, but lots of noise. Shallow fade, not bad. Nice
contemporary music. Subjective SINPO 24142. Announcement in Mandarin.
BTW - I was in Shanghai a few weeks ago. Fantastic city (WPE6FCL, E.
Bremerton WA, Jim, KE6OJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. CHINESE REGIME TIGHTENS ITS GRIP ON MEDIA AHEAD OF OLYMPIC
GAMES; PRESS FREEDOM GROUP REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS BARRED FROM CHINA

Apparently fed up with hearing criticism over its lack of media
transparency, Chinese authorities this week banned representatives of
press freedom organization Reporters Without Borders from entering
the country. Reporters Without Borders was planning to hold a press
conference in Beijing on Dec. 8 to decry Chinese authorities' failure
to improve freedom of the press. They were denied visas to enter the
country, and instead held the press event in Hong Kong...

<http://en.epochtimes.com/news/7-12-12/62852.html>

(via tribby2001, dxldyg via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. NEW COLOMBIAN RADIO WEBSITES --- Some familiar-to-us-
DXers Colombian stations have recently put up new websites - all with
online listening included:

790 Ecos del Combeima - <http://www.ecosdelcombeima.com/>
1170 Emisora Meridiano 70 - <http://www.meridiano70.net/>
1190 Ondas del Valle - <http://www.emisoraondasdelvalle.com/>
1460 Nuevo Continente - <http://www.nuevocontinente.org/> (finndxer)

via Tore Larsson, ARC SOUTH AMERICAN NEWS DESK 17/12 2007 via DXLD)

** CONGO [non]. Sud·frica y Congo. Radio Okapi emite, con la ayuda de transmisor ubicado en Sud·frica, para las dos rep·blicas del Congo, desde las 04.00 horas, frecuencia de 9635 kilohercios y desde las 16.00 horas, frecuencia de 11890 kilohercios. En la capital de Bulgaria s·lo es captado el programa de la madrugada ya que a las 16.00 horas resultan malas las condiciones en la banda de 25 metros de onda corta (Rumen Pankov, Versi·n en espa·ol de Mijail Mijailov, R. Bulgaria Espacio Diexista via Antonio Schuler, Brasil, Noticias DX yg via DXLD)

?? News to me the non-DR Congo is also a target of R. Okapi. Source of info? (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. Re: To sum it up: Radio Granma says they are on 1000, and that is true. If they are on 1370 and 1590 is something yet to be confirmed (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, RealDX yg via DXLD)

While I cannot confirm that Granma is still on 1370 and 1590, I can say this was confirmed a very long time ago. Jay Novello reported 1590 in 1998, and 1370 was heard by Jay in 2000 while he vacationed in Exuma. I am sure Jay reported this elsewhere. All of this are in my Cuba frequency notes (a tattered but essential three-ring binder of scribbled entries). (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, Dec 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Re 7-153: 9250, Radio Wide [sic] el Nile, found on 16/12/07 at 2200 with Arabic songs, styles from Yemen or Sudan. About 2216 if I remember correctly (did not note it on paper) there was an ID with "....min al Kahira " then continued with more songs. At 2230 there was news including international news and at 2243 there was an ID "min al kahira wen Khurtum" Thanks other people in the mailing lists for the ID (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, R75, 2x16 inv V, m@h40 headphones, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

How did ``Wadi`` get transformed into ``Wide``? More ambiguity in transliterating Arabic? And is ``Nile`` really the Arabic word for ``Nile``? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is nothing uncommon about an Egyptian station broadcasting Maghrebin or Berber music. The Arabic music market is globalised, too :) 73-s, (Cristian Mocanu, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Hello DXers, checking the new frequency of 9250 from Cairo, Egypt, I noticed the following: the Nile Valley Radio starts at 1700 UT; before that the frequency is having the voice of the Arabs, "Sout Al Arab". I picked it around 1655 and it was matching // 621 of Voice of the

Arabs. Around 1700 there was a switch to the signing on of River Nile Radio, with time pips followed by YL giving the ID and giving only the MW frequency of 1107 only, no mention of the SW frequency at all.

The ID is ``Idha`at wadi al-nil min al-qahira wal khartoom`` - which means Nile Valley Radio from Cairo and Khartoum. I wonder why they say from Cairo and Khartoum. I used to hear that station in the past and they never mentioned anything about Khartoum, only Nile Valley Radio from Cairo! I know that Nile Valley Radio is transmitting from 1700 till 2300 UT. I wonder what they have on that frequency after 2300 UT?? Maybe a test phase of a new transmitter! I think only time will tell when they start transmitting the overseas section of Radio Cairo. All the best, guys (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Dec 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Didn't Sudan once have a frequency in the 9200s? Or am I thinking of the SPLA clandestine (gh, DXLD)

Todo apunta segùn Mauno Ritola a que se trata de Radio Nile el Nile emitiendo en paralelo por 1107 kHz de MW; yo no conseguí captarla por MW. Parece ser que lleva varios días activa. Respecto a esta emisión, intuyo sea para interferir a la E3; parece ser que históricamente Egipto ha utilizado este sistema con Radio Cairo, colocarse en las frecuencias de las emisiones E3, en fin, un misterio más. Un saludo y Feliz Navidad. Atentamente (José Miguel Romero, Spain, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cf 7-153, it was on same frequency as Lincolnshire Poacher at 1800. He thinks this new broadcast by Egypt may actually be to jam that. Egypt is known to have its own spy-numbers transmissions, often playing Umm Khaltoum; cf previous discussion on 6140, and another frequency, 9.4+ MHz? (gh, DXLD)

9250, Radio Nile el Nile, 2210-2225, escuchada el 20 de diciembre en idioma árabe con emisión de música folklórica local. Se aprecia de fondo emisión de números en inglés; esta emisión emite en 9251 USB. Sin embargo, hoy he notado una cosa muy curiosa a las 2020, Radio Nile el Nile apenas llega a escucharse ya que una extraña señal colisiona con ella, parece una señal jammer, ¿de dónde? Intuyo a modo de suposición que tanto esta señal como la emisión Radio Nile son emisiones para interferir a esta emisora de números, por cierto achacada a los servicios secretos británicos. SINPO 32232.

Respecto a las emisiones de números quisiera comentar que hacía varias semanas que apenas había notado actividad, me extraño mucho, ya que las emisiones del Mossad y las E3 de los Servicios Secretos Británicos se suelen captar con cierta asiduidad. Sin embargo en los últimos días la actividad de estas emisoras se ha intensificado, tanto las del

Mossad cómo las E3, incluso las achacadas a los cubanos han cambiado de sus habituales frecuencias. Uhm, algo está pasando. No encuentro otra razón para que los egipcios utilicen una emisión en onda corta de una emisión local habitual en onda media, por cierto dirigida hacia el Sudán. Por regla general, Egipto ha utilizado emisiones de Radio Cairo para interferir a estas emisiones E10, ¿nueva estrategia de Egipto? (José Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, YAESU FRG-7700, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** ETHIOPIA. NEW TACTIC EMPLOYED TO JAM FOREIGN BROADCASTS**

Ethiopia has adopted a new tactic in its jamming of foreign radio broadcasts. It is now deliberately transmitting programmes from one of its own stations on the same frequencies as those used by Eritrean state radio. Relations between the two Horn of Africa countries have continued to be poor, following a border war in 1998-2000.

BBC Monitoring (BBCM) has been observing jamming of Eritrean broadcasts for several months. In November, shortwave transmissions to Ethiopia from the Voice of America (VOA) and Germany's Deutsche Welle (DW) also began to be targeted by deliberate and severe noise interference. Also being jammed are various private opposition radio broadcasts, which hire airtime from commercial shortwave transmission facilities abroad to beam their programmes into Ethiopia.

Similar jamming operations against both Eritrean radio and the VOA have been observed in past years. The current jamming, however, appears to be particularly intense and systematic.

Latest development

Eritrean state radio is now suffering deliberate interference from a radio station in northern Ethiopia.

The station, Voice of the Tigray Revolution, is operated by the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), the leading component of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front. The EPRDF is the umbrella group which has run the country since the overthrow of the communist leader, Mengistu Haile Mariam, in 1991.

Voice of the Tigray Revolution is based in Mekele, capital of Tigray Regional State in northern Ethiopia, bordering Eritrea. Prior to Mengistu's downfall, it was operated as a clandestine station by guerrillas fighting the Addis Ababa government.

On 18 and 19 December, BBCM heard Eritrean radio suffering severe interference from Voice of the Tigray Revolution. The interference

affected the shortwave transmissions of Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea (VOBME), as Eritrean state radio is known. Both of VOBME's networks were affected.

Previously, VOBME's channels had been obscured by jamming signals consisting of irritating noise.

VOBME's two networks use the shortwave frequencies of 7100 and 7175 kHz. BBCM has noted for several months that Eritrean technicians attempt to mitigate the effects of the jamming by slightly varying their transmitters' frequencies during broadcasts. But these attempts to dodge the jamming signals have limited success, as the jammers themselves eventually also move to the new spot on the dial.

(Source: BBC Monitoring research in English 19 Dec 07) December 19th, 2007 - 15:08 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** FRANCE. RFI has finally posted fresh SW frequencies at:
http://www.rfi.fr/radiofr/statiques/Frequences_ondes_courtes.pdf
(Mike Cooper, GA, Dec 18, DXLD)

Glenn, The schedule appeared at last a few days ago so I have tried to organize it into a readable form for DXLD. 73, (Bernie O'Shea, Ont., Dec 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Radio France International B-07 schedule from website Dec. 17, 2007
(1) 28 Oct. 07 to 01 Mar. 08 (2) 02 Mar. 08 to 29 Mar. 08
TWN from Taiwan CHN from China Mey from Meyerton, RSA

ENGLISH

0400-0430 9805 7315 to E Afr
0500-0530 11995 9805(1) 13680(2) to E Afr
0600-0630 13680 11995(1) 15160(2) to E Afr
 11725(1) 15605(2) to C Afr
 7315(1) 9765(2) to W Afr
0700-0730 11725(1) 15605(2) to C and W Afr
1200-1230 21620 to E Afr
1600-1700 11615(1) 15605(2) to E, C and W Afr

FRENCH

Zone 4 West Africa
0600-0700 7135 5925(1) 9790(2)
0700-0800 11700 9790(1) 15300(2)
0800-1000 15300 13675
1000-1130 15300
1200-1600 15300

1600-1700 15300 13675
1700-1900 11995 9790(1) 15300(2)
1900-2000 7315 6175(1) 9790(2)
2000-2200 7315 6175

Zone 5 West Africa

0500-0600 7135 5925(1) 9790(2)
0600-0700 9790 7135(1) 11700(2)
0700-0800 13695 11700(1) 15300(2)
0800-1000 17620 15300
1000-1130 15300
1200-1400 17620 15300
1400-1600 15300
1600-1700 15300 13675
1700-1900 13695 11995(1) 15300(2)
1900-2000 11995 9790(1) 13695(2)
2000-2100 9790

Zone 6 Central Africa

0400-0500 7135 5925(1) 9790(2)
0500-0600 9790 7135(1) 11700(2)
0600-0700 13695 11700(1) 15300(2)
0700-0800 15300 15170(Mey) 13695(1) 17850(2)
0800-0900 17850
1100-1200 17525(Mey)
1200-1330 21580
1600-1700 15300(1) 17850(2)
1700-1800 13695 11705(1) 15300(2)
1800-1900 11705 9790(1) 15300(2)
1900-2000 9790 7315(1) 11705(2)
2000-2200 7160(Mey)

Zone 8 East Africa

0400-0500 9790(1) 11995(2)
0500-0600 11700(1) 13695(2)

Zone 14 Southeast Asia

1200-1300 1503(TWN)
1300-1400 684(CHN)
1600-1700 1296(CHN)

HAUSA (to West and Central Africa)

0600-0630 7220 6170(1) 9805(2)
0700-0730 11830 9805(1) 15315(2)
1600-1700 11700(1) 15315(2)

LAO (to Southeast Asia)

1100-1130 15680(TWN)

MANDARIN (to China and Korean Peninsula)
0930-1030 5900(RUS) 7325(TWN) 11875(TWN)
2200-2300 1098(TWN) 7350(RUS)
2200-2400 747(TWN) 11665(TWN)
2300-2400 9955(TWN)

PERSIAN (to Near and Middle East)
1430-1500 13690 11675
1700-1800 7315(1) 9630(2)

PORTUGUESE
0600-0700 11830 (Mey) to C Afr
1700-1800 12015(1) 15530(2) to C and W Afr

RUSSIAN (to Eastern and Central Europe)
1400-1430 15605 11665
1600-1630 9800 7135(1) 11670(2)
1900-2000 7135 5905

SPANISH (to Central America and Caribbean)
1200-1230 15515
2100-2130 17630
0100-0130 5995(1) 9800(2)

VIETNAMESE (to Southeast Asia)
1400-1500 7380(TWN)
1500-1600 15265(TWN) 1296(CHN)

M...T...O MARINE
1130-1200 15300 (to W Africa)
13640 (to N America)
17610 (to C and S America)
6175 (to N Atlantic)
(organized by and via Bernie O'Shea, Ont., Dec 17, DXLD)

** GERMANY. RELAYS VIA MV BALTIC RADIO ON 6140 VIA T-SYSTEMS IN 2008
Schedule from January to march 2008

1st Sunday of every month
1300 to 1400 MV Baltic Radio

3rd Sunday of the month
1300 to 1330 EMR (Jan - Mar)
1300 to 1400 EMR (Feb)

4th Sunday of every month
1300 to 1400 Radio Gloria

EMR Programme Schedule 3rd Sunday Transmissions in 2008

Dates Times UTC Programme Schedule

20th January 1300-1330 Tom Taylor (Music and EMR info for 2008)
17th February 1300-1400 (1300) Tom Taylor (1315) Mike Taylor (mailbox)
16th March 1300-1330 Paul Graham (Golden oldie programme)

Happy Christmas to all our Listeners from European Music Radio! From
(Mike Taylor-Tom Taylor-Paul Graham and all the staff of EMR, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. El pasado lunes 17 de diciembre a partir de 2158 UT, pude captar con muy buena se al a la Radiodifusi n Nacional de Guinea Conakry, en la frecuencia de los 7125 kHz. Me gustar a que de acuerdo a la grabaci n que tambi n le voy hacer llegar con este e-mail, preguntarle  Si Ud. conoce de alg n buen contacto en dicha emisora que realmente verifique los informes de recepci n enviados, ya que lamentablemente dicha emisora africana parece tener muy mala reputaci n a la hora de verificar sus transmisiones con la acostumbrada tarjeta QSL. Sin m s, Don Guillermo, reciba un cordial saludo. 73 s! Cordiales (Jorge Garc a Rangel, Barinas, Venezuela, Dec 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Can anyone help him out with a verie signer or QSLing tactic for this station? (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. I have a tentative logging of AIR India in Thiruvananthapuram (location per Passport to World Band Radio) on 5010.000 kc between 0130-0215 UT, SIO 444. Talk in regional unidentified language with Indian accent and music. Had flutter that a polar path signal would have and began D layer absorption fading at sunrise to SIO 333 and then sign off at 0215. At times some interference by a host of utility stations. 73, (Thomas F, Giella, KN4LF Lakeland, FL, USA, UT Dec 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4760, 0235-0305 fade out 14-12, AIR, Leh, Hindi / English / Ladakhi, Hindi talk // 4840, 0235-0300 English news from Delhi: "All India Radio - Now the news" while Mumbai continued with music, 0300 Leh local program of songs, 35333 AP-DNK (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdxyg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Here is another good tropical band contact. Copying down the Pacific Basin all morning. Radio Republik Indonesia, RRI Palangkaraya, Kalimantan heard on 3325 at 1351 UT 20 Dec 2007. Female singing with drums. Good sig over noise. SINPO 24343. Male announcer

at 1400, reading what sounds like news cadence (WPE6FCL, E. Bremerton WA, Jim, KE6OJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. Re: Radio Zamaneh, ¿Cancelado?

UCRANIA. Ya son varios días que no se escucha a Radio Zamaneh en 6245, vía Ucrania. Hoy he podido comprobar en su página web <http://www.radiozamaneh.com/> que sí estaban emitiendo a la hora indicada; he podido reconocer a la voz de la locutora y su música característica. Sin embargo nada en onda corta, tampoco he encontrado frecuencia de reemplazo. ¿Servicio cancelado? empieza a cobrar fuerza la hipótesis (José Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DXLD)

We concluded some months ago that SW was cancelled (gh, DXLD)

I can't find follow-ups probably already posted on this matter. Anyway: The <http://www.radiozamaaneh.com> website (no typo, <http://www.radiozamaneh.com> just forwards to the triple-a URL) is up and running, including the audio streams. Radio Zama(a)neh is also still listed for Hotbird 8, using the same Belgacom mux (12.476 GHz h) as Dengi Mezopotamya (to mention here because well known from the shortwave bands) and another venture for Iran which probably never used shortwave: <http://www.afnl.com>

So obviously they just cancelled shortwave. I don't know enough to judge if this was a wise decision and Hotbird plus Internet are sufficient to reach their Iranian audience

[later:] Radio Zamaneh (Zamaaneh??) is indeed still on air via Hotbird 8 as listed, confirmed around 2315 with music, followed by what I got described as "this typical excited talk" (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. STUDIO DX: QSL AWR ESAURITE / QSL AWR ITALY OUT OF STOCK

Comunicato ai fedeli ascoltatori di Radio Studio Dx diffuso ogni domenica mattina alle ore 1000-1030 UTC sulla frequenza dei 9610 kHz:

AWR Italia / RVS ha terminato le QSL e abbiamo già richiesto un nuovo quantitativo. Sfortunatamente anche quest'anno il numero previsto per eccesso non è bastato, ci auguriamo che AWR apprezzi la vostra partecipazione. ... Finché non arriva la nuova ristampa, siamo costretti a bloccare le conferme ai rapporti di ascolto cartacei.

Auguri di buon Natale a tutti!

AWR Italia / RVS Firenze. <http://www.studiodx.net/>

PRESS NEWS :

Dear listeners & friends of the DX program "STUDIO DX", broadcast every Sunday over AWR at 1000-1030 UT on 9610 kHz [via Nauen, 180 degrees] : AWR Italy / RVS has finished the QSL cards, a new order has been yet sent to the AWR headquarters. Unfortunately also this year the QSL card requested by the listeners has been so many and the quantity available has not been sufficient due to the high number of reception reports received. This show the high participation of the listeners from Italy and also worldwide. Till the new QSL cards will not arrive in Firenze RVS offices, we are not able to verify the snail mail reception reports. Thanks for your kind cooperation and best wishes for the Christmas time.

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(via Dario Monferini, Dec 19, shortwave yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850 kHz at 1215 UT 20 Dec 2007. Korean Central BS, Pyongyang, SINPO 44444, strong and very clear, Korean Anthem at 1221 UT. Passport has it listed Domestic Service, but comes in like next door. Mid-pacific lightning crashes are negligible behind this strong signal.

[unID, 2-way] 2575 LSB, 1208 UT Dec 20, 2007 long Korean chatter / conversation. (This station familiar with Korean language) (WPE6FCL, E. Bremerton WA, Jim, KE6OJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non?]. 3930v *0257-0325, CLA, 14-12, R Voice of Kurdistan, Kurdish Martial song, talk, jamming started *0300, changed frequency 0318 to 3910 42442 AP-DNK

4675.11 0445-0528* CLA, 11-12, Voice of Free Kurdistan, Kurdish talk, mentions website, Kurdish music 44444 - jammer on 4670! AP-DNK (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdxyg via DXLD)

** LATVIA. RELAYS VIA 9290 THIS WEEKEND AND CHRISTMAS!

Sat December 22nd

Latvia Today 0800-0900 UT

Radio City 0900-1000 UT

and repeat on 945 AM 2000-2100 UT <http://www.radionord.lv>

Sun December 23rd

Latvia Today 1400-1500 UT

Tue December 25th

Radio Joystick 0900-1000 UT

Caroline Classic Rock 1000-1200 UT <http://www.radiocarolineeurope.com>
(Tom Taylor, Dec 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MARTINIQUE. 1310, Radio Martinique, Fort de France - According to an e-mail from D  sir Quiquely the power is 5 kW. E-mail: [desir.quiquely @ rfo.fr](mailto:desir.quiquely@rfo.fr) (Bengt Ericson, ARC, CENTRAL AMERICAN NEWS DESK 17/12 2007 via editor Tore Larsson, DXLD)

1310, Radio Martinique, Fort de France - I received a very nice email last night, as a reply to my reception report sent via air mail five weeks ago. D  sir Quiquely, Chef de fab. radio, confirms my 7 September 2007 (Sm-la) reception of Radio Martinique 1310. The email also contains three mp3 and three jpg attachments - jingles and photos from the station. This was a very nice email reply, and of course it was a new country in my collection - the first so far this year (Arnstein Bue, DX Paradise via finndxer, ibid.)

Only on FM per WRTH 2007; was 1310 off and then reactivated? Seems to me it used to be more than 5 kW (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 9600v, XEYU/Radio Unam (Mexico City). 0539-0606. 15 Dec 07. Spanish. First log of this station and a rare log of any Mexican station for me. Armchair quality signal. Great program of classical music and Italian opera. ID and freq announcements by YL at TOH, and into classical guitar music. Excellent (Joe Wood, Greenback TN, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

Dec 20 check at 1340 found XEXQ still missing from 6045 as it has been for several days; XEYU not detectable either on 9599+, but at 1911 it was poorly audible with classical music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. MEMORIAS DE RADIO UNAM  , DE JOSEFINA KING COBOS

Armando Ponce, M  xico, D.F., 17 de diciembre (apro).- Se hac  a imprescindible rese  ar antes de que caiga el 2007 este documento estricto de la historia de Radio UNAM, que durante el conflicto estudiantil de 1968 desafiaba al poder anunci  ndose como iel 'nico territorio libre de M  xico  . Han pasado siete d  cadas de su fundaci  n, desde aquella inauguraci  n el 14 de junio de 1937 con un discurso de su primer director. . .
<http://www.proceso.com.mx/columna.html?col=9&nta=55818&ncol=adelanto+de+libros>
(via Jos   Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Earthquake in NZ's Gisborne City 945AM on local studio feed --- A 6.8 Richter level earthquake has struck 50km SE of the city of Gisborne on New Zealand's North Island at 07.55 UTC, December 20.

There are 3 AM stations in the city. From monitoring in Wellington, 1485 BSPORT is on air carrying network programs, 1314 RNZ National Radio is on air carrying network programs, 945 NewstalkZB is on air with obvious technical difficulties and is currently [1000 UTC] carrying the Gisborne FM feed for Classic Hits.

It has also had live studio announcements from Gisborne with eye-witness reports and is not on the normal NewstalkZB feed. It sounds to be operating on full power [2 kW] at times, and less [maybe 500 W] at other times.

No casualties are reported, major building collapses in the CBD have occurred [at least 3], and roading damage is widespread. Water is secure, power is being returned, phone service was overloaded and now returning to normal. Widespread damage to buildings across the urban area [shelves collapsing, windows broken etc].

No tsunami has resulted from the earthquake, which was felt as far away as Dunedin at the southern end of the South Island. No major aftershocks reported as of 1010 UT (David Ricquish, Radio Heritage Foundation <http://www.radioheritage.net> HCDX via DXLD)

** NORWAY. Re: >> Decca? To us that is an obsolete navigational system, not broadcast. What means it here? <<

The current 675 kHz transmitter on the Røst island near Bodø, inaugurated in 1999, uses the former mast of a DECCA transmitter on 127.1 kHz, shut down in 1997:
<http://www.northernstar.no/rost.htm>
<http://web.archive.org/web/20030118192203/http://www.dxl.com/rost.html>
<http://nrhf.no/nrhf-sendere-AM.html>

Some background about this new facility is included in an article about the other part of this project, the 153 kHz transmitter at Ingøy which is now the world's northernmost longwave and high-power transmitter (for the now northernmost broadcast transmitters at all just refer to the WRTH, and the northernmost SWBC transmitter of the world should be 5930 from Monchegorsk, at about 67.55N):
<http://www.dxl.com/longwave/ingoy.html>

The 630 kHz antenna at Vigra is featured on the website of Bernd Waniewski, so I assume that it had been built together with the current transmitter in 1985: <http://www.waniewski.de/id298.htm>

All this considered it would be no surprise if NRK indeed leaves 630. Bernt Erfjord specified in his article about the Ingøy transmitter the Arctic oceans as remaining target area for NRK's AM service, and 153 plus 675 should ensure this coverage without a need for another

mediumwave transmitter much more south. And I think that it is entirely pointless to speculate that NRK could contract a new 1200 kW transmitter, even if another DECCA mast could be used to run it. I just can't imagine that after NRK abandoned 1314, the only Norwegian superpower station really built, as just too expensive (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. OP SECURE net: see UNIDENTIFIED [non] 5195

** OMAN. Hi Brian, I notice that your three recent reports are all on Saturdays. Wonder if you have been able to try for it other days of the week, and found it missing. In other words, is hearing it only on Sats likely a result of your favorite monitoring day, or its operation? Did you also look for it on the other Saturdays and not find it? 73, (Glenn to Brian Alexander, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, I try for Oman 15140 on most Saturdays, along with some Sundays and Fridays, but the signal is usually very weak or just threshold level. On quite a few occasions the signal strength was fairly strong but with weak to very weak modulation. Finding the station with both a fair signal strength and fairly strong modulation seems to be a rare occurrence. 73, (Brian Alexander, PA, ibid.)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Hi folks, Well, after so much time, lots of research, enquiries and searching I have finally located the NBC Lae MW/SW transmitter site.

The transmitter site is located westerly of Lae at a village named 'Bubia'. One MW tower can be seen at 06 40 33.71S 146 54 26.51E in high resolution on GE.

Unfortunately at least half of the site is still in low resolution and thus the 2nd MW tower & SW antenna is not showing, but they are close by. I am not sure which MW tower is which in terms of the 675 & 810 kHz frequencies (Karai & Kundu services).

The NBC website (which has recently been updated slightly, (changed might be a better word)), still does not reflect the additional Lae MW frequency that's been on air for a few years now.

The SW service of Radio Morobe is still off air and given that the Kundu service is broadcast to the province now on MW & FM, the re-activation of the SW service is probably not going to happen. I have similar thoughts about so many other NBC Kundu service SW stations. Lack of provincial funds, corruption & with a growing number of private groups commencing FM radio operations with FM transmitter plantings within PNG, makes the reactivation of many Kundu SW stations in my opinion unlikely. Especially with the slow growth of NBC FM

stations. An exception would be if nations such as Japan provide much more financial aid to the NBC. Without Japan's aid over the past 25+ years the NBC network would probably be a shambles, perhaps some would say that's been that way for a long time. Off on another tangent some have said that PNG should never have been granted independence from Australia, due to PNG government mismanagement.

Many SW Kundu stations listed within the 2007 edition of the WRTM have not been on air for many years, probably time to either delete some entries or list stations/frequencies inactive from a particular date, if not already done so for the 2008 edition.

A little history on the Lae SW/MW NBC transmitter site. The old P&T antennae would have been in the low res section of the Lae site. The site was originally P&T for their HF trunk circuits and HF Outstations base. It was originally located right in Lae town but was moved out about 1970 or so (Ian Baxter, Australia, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. This early morning the tropical bands are open to here in the Pacific Northwest of US. Heard Radio Sandaun, SINPO 14341 at 1242 UT on 3205 kHz here in E. Bremerton WA. Rig Kenwood TS-440S straight to a 60 foot high G5RV aerial. Mix music and announcements, English. At 1259 heard broadcast schedules for varied stations. Hard to copy through mid-tropical-pacific lightning crashes and cyclic fade (about 7 sec.). Heard the word Sandaun, so I know I got the right station. Lost signal abruptly at 1310 (WPE6FCL, E. Bremerton WA, Jim, KE6OJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Radio Romania International in English, starting at 2300, is clean on 6015 but with rather low and tiny audio. 6115 and 7105 are again plagued by severe hiss, almost burying the program audio, somewhat different sounding on each frequency, thus it's unlikely to be the program feed to the transmitter site. 9610 could be clean as well, but it is too weak here to be sure. EiBi says that 6115 and 9610 are Tiganesti while 6015 and 7105 are supposed to originate from Galbeni, but has this registration data much to do with the actual transmitter use, with the modernization project under way? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RRI'S Tiganesti SW transmitter site can now be seen in Hi Res on YM & MS Virtual Earth.
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=44.749343&lon=26.102864&z=16.5&r=0&src=yh>
Regards (Ian Baxter, Dec 16, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

Tiganesti also via Microsoft Virtual Earth, same source but different lightness:
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=44.749343&lon=26.102864&z=17&r=0&src=msl>

and seemingly also nearby, ROU Tancabesti/Tingabesti Bucharest 855 kHz
1500 kW highpower of TESLA?, replaced by 400 kW Harris refurbishing
action a year ago ? 44 40'13.72"N 26 04'48.33"E

Yahoo Maps

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=44.671346&lon=26.079918&z=17.8&r=0&src=yh>

Microsoft Virtual Earth

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=44.671346&lon=26.079918&z=17.8&r=0&src=msl>

and nearby also an ROU Unidentified UTE diplomatic / military / secret
service transmitter site at 44 41'25.81"N 26 03'25.27"E
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=44.691109&lon=26.059153&z=16.8&r=0&src=msl>
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=44.691109&lon=26.059153&z=16.8&r=0&src=yh>

And the very old Saftica 15/50 kW site (former clandestine Radio
Espa0a Independiente site also) was on high resolution on Google Earth
already at 44 38'16.00"N 26 04'27.85"E

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=44.637896&lon=26.073891&z=17.4&r=0&src=msl>
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=44.637896&lon=26.073891&z=17.4&r=0&src=yh>
(Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

** RUSSIA. Hi, For the first time in my 50 years as a DX-er and after
many tries during the past years, I heard Radiostantsiya Tikhii Okean,
Vladivostok. Date: Dec 19th. Time: 0938-1000 UT. Frequency: 5960 kHz.
There were many identifications during the programming. Closed down at
1000 and then the frequency was clear. During the transmission there
was also weak interference from a Chinese broadcaster (Xinjiang?)
Nothing from RFI! 73 and I wish you and all DXLD fans a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New DX-year! (Bj^rn Fransson, DX-ing on the
island of Gotland, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT HELENA. 11092u [sic], Radio St. Helena. 2201-2319. 15 Dec 07.
English. The NA service of the special 40th Anniversary Special of
Radio St. Helena was heard well here in the hills of East Tennessee.
Tony Leo hosting the show with call ins from around the US. Several
emails were read, including mine mentioning the WDXC, NASWA, MARES,
and NZDX League. IDs and TCs as GMT at almost every vox portion of the
show. Music from Tom Jones, The Beach Boys, and others. I never did
hear "Life on the Ocean Wave." The signal for the vox portions of the
program were better than the music. The signal died around 2300, and
was completely gone by 2319. Overall, one of the better receptions of
RSH. F-G (Joe Wood, Greenback TN, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** SAO TOME E PRINCIPE. Thanks to the kind assistance of Ben Dawson
involving several email communication interchanges, I pleased to
announce the following updates to the Current & Extinct Shortwave

Transmitter Sites within the respective Excel files.

- Extinct SW Station; R·dio Nacional is/was located at the same VOA site at Pinheira; in fact the SW transmitter [4806] is/was located within the same building as the VOA transmitters. Regards (Ian Baxter, Shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** SERBIA [and non]. Dear ALL, I've just finished a long phone talk with the technical director of International R Serbia. Since right now I'm in a hurry, tomorrow I will send you a detailed report.

For now I have time to say the actual schedule is:

0030-0230 7115 BIJ 250/310

1100-2230 7240 BEO 010/999 [= non-direxional]

1900-2230 6100 BIJ 250/310 Best regards till tomorrow! (Dragan Lekic from Subotica, Serbia, 1327 UT Dec 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks Dragan, well done, fine research; it turns out near the reality on our ears here in Western Europe!

The R Bulgaria crew let out the Jan 3, 2008 DX Mix (Observer) file today, as a mistake 2 weeks in advance. Despite a wrong ITU short call and far too strong power of 250 kW on Stubline Serbia site, seems correct in time detail. I updated the wrong ITU call and Stubline power already, see:

SERBIA (and non) Winter B-07 schedule of International Radio Serbia from Dec. 19

1100-1358 on 7240 BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Serbian

1400-1428 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu English

1430-1458 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Serbian

1500-1528 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Spanish

1530-1558 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Arabic

1600-1628 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Russian

1630-1658 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu French

1700-1728 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu German

1730-1743 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Chinese

1745-1758 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Albanian

1800-1813 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Hungarian

1815-1828 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Greek

1830-1858 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Italian

1900-1928 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Russian

1900-1928 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Russian

1930-1958 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English

1930-1958 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu English

2000-2028 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Spanish

2000-2028 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Spanish

2030-2058 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Serbian Sun-Fri

2030-2058 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Serbian Sun-Fri
 2030-2128 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Serbian Sat
 2030-2128 on 7240*BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu Serbian Sat
 2100-2128 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu German Sun-Fri
 2100-2128 on 7240 BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu German Sun-Fri
 2130-2158 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu French
 2130-2158 on 7240 BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu French
 2200-2228 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English
 2200-2228 on 7240 BEO 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu English
 0030-0058 on 7115 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Serbian Mon-Sat
 0030-0128 on 7115 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Serbian Sun
 0100-0128 on 7115 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm English Mon-Sat
 0130-0158 on 7115 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Italian
 0200-0228 on 7115 BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm English

*co-ch 1400-1800 CNR-Lhasa in Chinese

1500-1800 BSKSA in Persian

1800-2000 WYFR in English/German

2000-2100 RCI in Arabic.

#co-ch 1900-2230 CRI in Russian

2000-2200 CRI in Arabic

2200-2230 CRI in Chinese (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via
 wwdxc BC-DX Jan 3, 2008) updated by wb.

Sorry, due of very strong CRI 6100 kHz outlet co-channel nothing heard
 here some 880 km / 550 miles away from Bijeljina transmitter yet.
 Maybe the 0030 UT outlet on 7115 would work better. But it's deep
 night in our part of the world. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, Stuttgart,
 Germany, Dec 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not really, right now it's quite weak, even poorer than 3985 from
 Deanovec. However, Cîrrik is supposed to be on air on 7170 at the same
 time, but here it is just a faint carrier, so probably the propagation
 is to blame. The carrier on 7115 came on shortly before 0020, but
 modulation did not start beyond 0030, I found programming in progress
 only when rechecking at 0038. Reception suffers a little bit from
 Deutsche Welle in German on 7120 (Tbilisskaya), but it suffers much
 more from Kashi on 7130, booming in here and putting out bad splatter
 all the way down to 7115. Kai Ludwig, Germany, 0051 UT Dec 21, ibid.)

You were right, the 7240 signal here in northern Europe was improved
 due to more auroral conditions! BTW, the night before I noticed 7240
 kHz sign off at 2200, while only 6100 kHz continued until 2230. Also
 today the s/off on 7240 kHz was at 2200. I listened to both
 frequencies via a remote receiver in England. The more powerful 6100
 kHz directed to there was just a bit stronger than 7240 kHz omnidir 10
 kW. Do you really hear still 7240 as poorly as it used to be? At least
 the antenna must have been improved. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Dec

20 to Wolfgang B,schel, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I hear Serbia only in approx. 1100 to 1520 UT slot on 7240 kHz - !! at Times - depends on Lhasa signal strength. The whole evening I hear only Chinese Lhasa Tibet and BSKSA Farsi, as well as some Russia's YFR 1900 UT from Samara, and RCI 2000-2100 UT Skelton transmissions.

6100 kHz is useless here in 1900-2228 UT slot, due of CRI powerhouses Kashi, Kunming, and Beijing, as well as IRIB Albanian at 1830-1927 and 2030-2127 UT.

From 2000 to 2300 UT all 6100 signals are useless, due of 200 kW DRM powerhouse rocket from Moscow on 6105 kHz, which covers nearly 6097 to 6113 kHz. Moscow 260 degrees main lobe is in my direction towards Stuttgart.

BTW, when I remember the old R Belgrade 684 domestic relay transmissions on 7200 and 9505 kHz of 20 kW at Stubline in early 90ties, the signal was much, much stronger than the tiny 7240 kHz signal now. But these antennas have gone in NATO airstrike in 1999? (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7240, Radio Serbia, 1845-1900, escuchada el 19 de diciembre en italiano a locutora con boletín de noticias, música de sintonía, fuerte colisión con emisora en inglés, probablemente WYFR; hay que templar a 7241 para escuchar algo e intentar entender algo, segmento musical pieza musical italiana, SINPO 32442 (José Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Dec 20, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108 YAESU FRG-7700, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

★★ SERBIA. MEDIA IN THE DIASPORA AND MEDIA FOR THE DIASPORA
16.12.2007

http://glassrbije.org/E/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=667&Itemid=28

The Serbian Diaspora Ministry connects Serbia with numerous Serbs living and working abroad. Its mission is to establish better communication between the diaspora and the homeland. In order that this goal should be realized effectively, the Ministry has organized in Belgrade a two-day gathering entitled MEDIA IN THE DIASPORA AND MEDIA FOR THE DIASPORA, which should enable better information of the diaspora, facilitate the activities of media in the diaspora and connect them with media in the homeland. Dusica Maticki has more.

Taking part in a panel discussion on the role of public services in informing Serbs abroad and its public and commercial interest, the director of the International Radio Serbia, Milena Jokic, stressed that the programme of this radio is broadcast in eleven foreign languages and in Serbian and can be heard on all the continents. The

fact that there is such a specialized public service, which can realize direct communication with listeners in the diaspora and inform them both in Serbian and in the language of the country where they live, is very important, she stressed. A world service should meet the interests of the state and enable people living in the diaspora to take part in the social scene on an equal footing, and not only when they vote. She stressed that practice in neighbouring and European countries shows that great importance is attached to specialized world services broadcasting programmes in their own and foreign languages.

Neighbouring states keep increasing programme hours ñ Romania broadcasts 49 hours of short-wave programmes daily and Greece up to 175, which confirms those countries take informing their diaspora seriously.

International Radio Serbia has a 70 yearsí long tradition and has always been receiving letters from various regions of the world in which listeners ask essential questions to which the radio replies.

The Serbian Radio Diffusion Strategy envisages the digitalization of short waves, so this radio will be available at FM waves as well [sic]. Vesna Nesovic, of Radio Television Serbia, said that this TV broadcasts 24 hours of satellite programmes daily, 90% of them being the same as ones broadcast nationwide, while 10% being specialized for the diaspora. Sasa Mikovic, of B92, said that the B92 website is the most popular in this Balkan region and is visited daily by 100,000 people. He emphasized the importance of this type of information, bearing in mind the fact that the fans of this type of information are young people and it is them who are the most numerous members of the latest surge of ÈmigrÈs in the 1990s. All the participants in the gathering emphasized its importance, as the needs of the diaspora and the obligations of Serbia to initiate new types of cooperation could thus be envisaged (via Jean-Michel Aubier, F, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SEYCHELLES. Thanks to the kind assistance of Ben Dawson involving several email communication interchanges, I pleased to announce the following updates to the Current & Extinct Shortwave Transmitter Sites within the respective Excel files.

Extinct SW Site; FEBA. As some folk know, the SW antennas for this site were actually located in shallow sea water. The SW antennas were located in a region measuring around 300 x 300m off the east coast of Mahe at approximately: 04 35 55S 55 27 58E.

There is an incorrect GE Community marker close by (a little further to the east) that lists this site as BBC, but the correct site for the BBC is on the other side of the Island. Using part of the map that Ben kindly send I would say that the closest significant populated area to

the former antennas were at a place called 'De Quincey Village'. The transmitter site is not 100% confirmed, but believed to be located just near a region called 'Ma Constance' at:

04 35 45.79S 55 27 25.25E (GE coordinates) or transmitter building located at a similar looking building 450m south (which is under cloud) Regards (Ian Baxter, Shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

The 3 GREY coloured islands off the SEY coast line result of a land reclaim program, which started after the FEBA platforms removed from the waterfront (Wolfgang B, schel, ibid.)

Thanks for jogging my memory on the reclaimed land; I thought that's what those Islands must have been, given the absence of housing / building and the fact that they didn't appear on Ben's map. The coordinates you provide; are they the txer building? (Baxter, ibid.)

** SPAIN. Ciao! R.N.E. R. 5, Avila 1098 kHz - Santa Clara 2 - 05001 Avila - Spagna con QSL + lettera + adesivi + pins + CD + libro del 2002 per i 50 anni della stazione in 37 giorni. v/s Francisco Javier Fern·ndez Nieto, Jefe de Emisiones Y Producci·n de RNE ;vila. Inviati 0,60 Euro in monete che sono stati restituiti). (Roberto Pavanello, Italy, Dec 20, via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. WEBSITE INTERVIEWS DIRECTOR OF VOICE OF TIGERS BROADCASTING STATION | Text of interview with Thamizhanpan, director of LTTE's Voice of Tigers broadcasting station by reporter of Australian Tamil Broadcasting Corporation, date and place not given: "VoT will rebound from attack", published by Colombo-based pro-Tamil TamilNet website on 16 December

"Belligerent statements by close associates of Sri Lanka President Rajapaksa, threats against media personnel, and press censorship in the South, forewarned us of a possible attack on our media facilities. Fortunately, we took precautions against this, and our successful completion of the Heroes day programme, in spite of Colombo violating international laws bombing our facility, is a testimony to the resilience of our staff," said Thamizhanpan, director of Voice of Tigers, LTTE's official broadcasting corporation, in an interview with a Australian Tamil Broadcasting Corporation, Tuesday.

Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) bombing raid left 11 dead, including three VOT employees, and 15 injured, including four editorial staff.

Reporters Without Borders in press release issued soon after the air raid said the attack on the radio station was a "war crime."

Edited version of the translation of the excerpts from the interview conducted in Tamil follow.

ATBC: When did the attack take place?

Thamizhanpan: VoT is one of three broadcasts, campus included 8 acres. Voice of Tigers, Tamil Eelam Radio, and the Sinhala language broadcast of Voice of Tigers, Kotti Handa, are broadcast from this campus. Heroes' day is the last day of VoT's broadcasting year. 365th broadcast on the 27 November is of great significance to us, as all Heroes day events are co-coordinated thorough our broadcasts. Our broadcast starts daily at 5:00 a.m.

For Heroes day, we pre-recorded some of the broadcasts. We were broadcasting in two wavelengths from two different locations. Heroes' day speech was to be broadcast from our alternate location. Time was 4:20 p.m., and our preparations were complete to broadcast the speech of LTTE leader Prabhakaran, when the first bomb fell.

Our employees, Isaivizhi Chempian (also known as Subajini, a former Ozhiveechchu news presenter), Suresh Linbiyo, a technical desk worker, and T Tharmalingam, were walking towards the broadcasting station. They were the first casualties of the SLAF. Subsequent bombs took out the broadcasting office, internet broadcasting station, and six broadcasting studios. A total of sixteen bombs were dropped in the VoT campus, two fell in the neighbourhood. A total of 11 people were killed and 6 injured in this attack. 8 civilians perished, including a 12 year old boy. One baby girl lost sight in both eyes.

Sixty per cent of our buildings, all computers, and other equipment were destroyed in this attack.

SLAF attacked our main broadcasting facility. But our broadcast was not interrupted. Our people participate in 80-85 per cent of our broadcasts. More than 85 per cent of our programmes are designed to improve the living standards of our people; educational, economy, agriculture, health, religious, morality, and language related programmes fill the agenda. We broadcast only two short programmes that relate to the politics of our struggle.

VoT was not just a broadcasting corporation, but a national asset that serve our people.

Isaivizli Chembian is an important member of the VOT. Suresh and Tharmalingam were technical officers for VOT. All three were married with children. VoT is making arrangements to look after the future welfare of their families.

ATBC: How are you functioning after the attack?

Thamizhanpan: We were hit on 27 November 4:20 p.m. We had to continue our broadcasting amidst the death and injury of our colleagues. We were transporting the injured to the hospital. We were also transporting the dead. Our broadcasters on duty were in shock at the death of Tharmalingam and others. They continued to broadcast keeping their emotions in check. Our listeners would not have noticed that we were doing our duties amidst death and destruction.

We lost sixty per cent of our staff on duty to injury and death. Those who were not hurt, volunteered to attend to the dead and injured, and the broadcast went on as planned. Heroes' day speech was broadcast and loaded on the internet live as planned. Heroes' day activities were conducted uninterrupted. We collected and broadcast news on all celebrations taking place simultaneously. Only after the celebrations were complete, we broadcast the news of the destruction and death at our facility to our listeners.

SLAF and Colombo failed to achieve their objective of disrupting Prabhakaran's message. We consider this a big victory for VOT and the Tamil people. We have lost our equipment and studios, but we are continuing with the broadcast under bombed out buildings using computers and equipment donated to us by the public. This is the twelfth time VOT was attacked, and we will rebound to continue our mission with increased vigour.

ATBC: How are you planning to function after loosing all your equipment, studios, and buildings?

Thamizhanpan: We have begun to rebuild our damaged buildings. Acquiring and setting up new technical equipment will be a bigger challenge, but we will accomplish this soon. We are currently working without the sound proof studios, computers, internet facilities, and necessary software. We are using tree stumps, and working without chairs or tables. Local well wishers are donating their belongings. We are used to adversity, and this setback will only be temporary, and will not deter us. We hope we will reach our full broadcasting capacity soon.

ATBC: How is VOT staff coping?

Thamizhanpan: The affection we have for our people and our leader help us. We have taken the broadcast to the villages and work closely with our people. This gives us strength. Our staff who have escaped injuries are keeping the VoT functioning. We are working two to three days continuously without taking a break. We are determined that VoT broadcast should go uninterrupted. The condolence messages we receive give us encouragement and support in this effort.

ATBC: SLAF has attacked a media station. Very few have condemned this act. Are you surprised?

Thamizhanpan: UNESCO has condemned this attack. If there is no mass condemnation of the SLAF attack on VoT, the reason should be that the service done by the VoT is not widely known. VoT serves the people living within the areas controlled by the LTTE. Sri Lankan government information and notices are broadcast by VoT. If VoT was put out of operation, a communication void would have been created. This attack tried to strangulate the only voice our oppressed people has. We noticed the silence from the humanitarian agencies, international media, and the nations. We are saddened, but not surprised.

Sri Lankan government showed its displeasure for UNESCO's condemnation of the attack. It is expatriate Tamil people's duty to show solidarity with the UNESCO on this issue.

ATBC: What should the expatriate Tamils do in this situation?

Thamizhanpan: VoT is drafting a letter thanking UNESCO for their statement. The expatriate Tamil organizations and individuals can do the same. Expatriate Tamils and Tamil Broadcasting corporations must unite in strengthening the media that serve the Tamil people in the Northeast and worldwide. Only when people are well informed support to our just struggle will increase, and our cause can advance. The people in the Northeast are giving everything they have.

Source: TamilNet website in English 16 Dec 07 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. [SW BCB TX Site Archive] Taiwan revisited. Destination: Banciao

Hi folks, in the last chapter of my Extinct Taiwan SW sites I covered the former BaLi VOFC SW site. Today I thought I'd provide my findings from a visit to the BCC MW site, which was also the location of what we presume to be the Ex Radio Liberty SW site.

DATE: August 2007. LOCATION: Banciao, southern Taipei County, Taiwan.

At the start of the day I met up with DXer Miller [Liu] at Ximpu MRT (Rail Station) where we departed for our first port of call --- Banciao BCC MW Site. We arrive by motor-scooter at our destination mid-morning for a quick look at the site.

Entry into the grounds of this site was impossible with the locked driveway gates & gaining a look at the site from outside the grounds was difficult due to the high fence & numerous buildings surrounding this complex. Never-the-less standing on Miller's Motorbike enabled a

few photo shots from the main entrance gate.

I have provided two photographs in the PHOTO SECTION of our shortwavesites Yahoo Group. They appear in the Extinct SW Sites Photo Album. Both images were taken looking SE at the main entrance gate located at: 25 00 27.35N, 121 27 52.62E.

Three towers appear on site for the BCC MW services.
The closest tower is for BCC Country network - 954kHz
The furthest tower is for the News network on 657kHz.
The middle tower is located on the roof of the transmitter building. This is a microwave STL that beams programming from the studio/admin building of the BCC in Taipei City. The building/STL is located at: 25 00 24.16N, 121 27 55.90E

Despite Miller and myself peering all over the site, from our one & only vantage point, we saw no signs of any former SW broadcasting infrastructure. I guess this was hardly surprising since given the lapse in time since SW transmissions were last emitted from Banciao.

This site is now readily accessible by metro-rail since the opening of the Banciao metro station within the last 12 months. The walk is in the order of 700m the rail station, located north of the BCC site (Ian Baxter, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

I remember that ``Pali`` used to be the R. Liberty site as given by the station; never heard of Banciao. How do you pronounce that? Unseems Chinese transliteration spelling (gh, DXLD)

** UGANDA. New 4976, 0225-0235 19-12, R Uganda, Kampala, English / Vernacular. Very early morning phone-in programe, maybe All Night (?) with announcer mixing languages like "Good Morning to You" and then continued in vernacular, 34333, AP-DNK (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdxyg via DXLD) What's new about 4976? Guess it was off for a while (gh, DXLD)

** U K. Input to the BBC's 75th anniversary celebration --- Questions to Nigel Chapman (head of WS) can be viewed here:
<http://worldhaveyoursay.wordpress.com/2007/12/18/all-you-wanted-to-know-about-the-bbc/#more-127>

A couple of folks took the WS to task for prematurely abandoning SW...
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

Domestic (UK) coverage of the BBCWS anniversary --- See
http://blogs.guardian.co.uk/digitalcontent/2007/12/happy_75th_birthday_bbc_world.html
the web site in question actually is a digital content blog, but the

"grandmother of international news" gets accolades just the same
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

** U K. BBC Caribbean's new home page:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/caribbean/news/story/2007/12/071217_intro_to_new_page.shtml#startcontent
(via Dan Say, BC, DXLD)

** U K [and non]. Winter B-07 of VT Communications Relays. Part 1 of 2

Radio Prague

0000-0027	11665	ASC	250	kW	/	245	deg	SoAm	Spanish
0100-0127	11665	ASC	250	kW	/	245	deg	SoAm	Spanish
0200-0227	5995	SAC	250	kW	/	268	deg	NoAm	English
0400-0427	5990	SAC	250	kW	/	268	deg	NoAm	English
1100-1127	17515	ASC	250	kW	/	065	deg	WeAf	French
1300-1327	9750	WOF	035	kW	/	102	deg	WeEu	German DRM Fri/Sat, ex RMP
1330-1357	9750	WOF	035	kW	/	102	deg	WeEu	English DRM Fri/Sat, ex RMP
2330-2357	6000	SAC	250	kW	/	212	deg	CeAm	Spanish

China Radio International

0000-0057	9745	BON	250	kW	/	290	deg	CeAm	Spanish
1100-1157	15540	SGO	100	kW	/	045	deg	SoAm	Portuguese
1200-1257	15540	SGO	100	kW	/	045	deg	SoAm	Chinese
1300-1357	15540	SGO	100	kW	/	045	deg	SoAm	English
1500-1757	6100	MEY	100	kW	/	non-dir		SoAf	English
1800-1857	6100	MEY	100	kW	/	non-dir		SoAf	Chinese
2100-2157	17645	SGO	100	kW	/	045	deg	SoAm	Portuguese

Gospel for Asia

0000-0130	6140	DHA	250	kW	/	085	deg	SoAs	SoEaAs langs
1230-1500	9510	DHA	250	kW	/	085	deg	SoAs	SoEaAs langs, 15215 [new]
1600-1630	9820	DHA	250	kW	/	100	deg	SoAs	SoEaAs langs
1615-1630	9820	DHA	250	kW	/	085	deg	SoAs	SoEaAs langs Sun-Wed, addit.
2300-2400	6040	DHA	250	kW	/	085	deg	SoAs	SoEaAs langs

Voice of Vietnam

0100-0125	6175	SAC	250	kW	/	212	deg	NoAm	English
0130-0225	6175	SAC	250	kW	/	212	deg	NoAm	Vietnamese
0230-0255	6175	SAC	250	kW	/	212	deg	NoAm	English
0300-0325	6175	SAC	250	kW	/	212	deg	NoAm	Spanish
0330-0355	6175	SAC	250	kW	/	212	deg	NoAm	English
0400-0425	6175	SAC	250	kW	/	212	deg	NoAm	Spanish
0430-0525	6175	SAC	250	kW	/	240	deg	NoAm	Vietnamese
1800-1825	5955	MOS	100	kW	/	300	deg	WeEu	English
1830-1925	5955	MOS	100	kW	/	300	deg	WeEu	Vietnamese
1930-1955	5955	MOS	100	kW	/	300	deg	WeEu	French
2000-2025	5970	WOF	300	kW	/	075	deg	EaEu	Russian

2030-2125	3985	SKN	250	kW	/	120	deg	WeEu	German	Sun-Thu
2030-2100	3985	SKN	250	kW	/	175	deg	WeEu	German	Fri/Sat
2030-2100	3985	SKN	250	kW	/	106	deg	WeEu	German	Fri/Sat
2130-2125	7150	WOF	300	kW	/	105	deg	SEEu	Vietnamese	

Adventist World Radio

0100-0200	15445	TAI	100	kW	/	250	deg	Asia	Vietnamese	Sat
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Sudan Radio Service

0300-0330	5975	KIG	250	kW	/	non-dir		EaAf	English	Mon-Fri
0330-0500	7280	DHA	250	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	Arabic	Mon-Fri
0500-0530	9525	DHA	250	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	Arabic	Mon-Fri
0500-0530	13720	DHA	250	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	Arabic	Mon-Fri
0530-0600	9525	DHA	250	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	English	Mon-Fri
0530-0600	13720	DHA	250	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	English	Mon-Fri
1500-1530	9840	MSK	250	kW	/	190	deg	EaAf	Arabic	Mon-Fri
1530-1600	9840	MSK	250	kW	/	190	deg	EaAf	English	Mon-Fri
1600-1700	9840	MSK	250	kW	/	190	deg	EaAf	Arabic	Mon-Fri
1500-1530	9840	MSK	250	kW	/	190	deg	EaAf	English	Sat/Sun
1530-1600	9840	MSK	250	kW	/	190	deg	EaAf	Arabic	Sat/Sun
1600-1645	9840	MSK	250	kW	/	190	deg	EaAf	Toposa	Sun
1700-1730	9840	DHA	300	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	Dinka	Mon
1700-1730	9840	DHA	300	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	Zande	Tue
1700-1730	9840	DHA	300	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	Nuro	Wed
1700-1730	9840	DHA	300	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	Bari	Thu
1700-1730	9840	DHA	300	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	Shiluk	Fri
1730-1800	9840	DHA	300	kW	/	240	deg	EaAf	English	Mon-Fri

Radio Solh/Radio Peace

0200-1200	11675	DHA	250	kW	/	045	deg	WeAs	Dari/Pashto	
1200-1500	15265	RMP	500	kW	/	092	deg	WeAs	Dari/Pashto	
1500-1800	9875	RMP	500	kW	/	085	deg	WeAs	Dari/Pashto	

Leading The Way

0330-0400	5975	SKN	300	kW	/	090	deg	WeAs	Persian/English	Fri
0330-0400	5975	SKN	300	kW	/	070	deg	RUS	Russian/English	Sun

RTA Radio Algeria

0400-0600	6090	RMP	500	kW	/	180	deg	NoAf	Arabic	Holy Quran sce
0400-0500	6125	WOF	250	kW	/	160	deg	NoAf	Arabic	Holy Quran sce
0500-0600	6025	WOF	250	kW	/	160	deg	NoAf	Arabic	Holy Quran sce
1900-2100	9455	WOF	250	kW	/	160	deg	NoAf	Arabic	Holy Quran sce
1900-2100	11815	RMP	500	kW	/	190	deg	NoAf	Arabic	Holy Quran sce
2100-2300	5915	RMP	500	kW	/	160	deg	NoAf	Arabic	Holy Quran sce
2100-2300	9850	SKN	300	kW	/	180	deg	NoAf	Arabic	Holy Quran sce

Radio Okapi

0400-0600	9635	MEY	250	kW	/	342	deg	Congo	French/Lingala	
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1600-1700 11890 MEY 250 kW / 330 deg Congo French/Lingala

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0500-0600 3955 SKN 250 kW / 106 deg WeEu German
1230-1330 12010 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg SoAs Bengali
1400-1500 9855 DHA 250 kW / 105 deg SoAs Marathi
1400-1500 15520 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg SoAs Hindi
1500-1600 12015 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg SoAs English
1600-1700 6000 MEY 100 kW / 076 deg SoAf Portuguese
1600-1700 12010 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg SoAs English
1600-1700 15260 MEY 250 kW / 330 deg CeAf Portuguese
1700-1800 3955 SKN 250 kW / 106 deg WeEu English
1700-1800 6045 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf Amharic
1700-1800 9530 RMP 500 kW / 105 deg ME Arabic
1700-1800 21680 ASC 250 kW / 085 deg SoAf English
1800-1900 7240 SKN 250 kW / 102 deg WeEu English
1800-1900 9660 SKN 300 kW / 140 deg ME Arabic
1800-1900 9785 SKN 300 kW / 110 deg ME English
1800-1900 9895 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg SoAf English
1830-1930 17660 ASC 250 kW / 085 deg CeAf French
1900-2000 5965 RMP 500 kW / 105 deg ME Arabic
1900-2000 7160 DHA 250 kW / 330 deg WeEu English
1900-2000 9660 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg EaAf Swahili
1900-2000 9685 DHA 250 kW / 285 deg NoAf French
1900-2100 3230 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg SoAf English
2000-2200 15195 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg WeAf English
2030-2130 5965 RMP 500 kW / 180 deg WeAf French
2115-2315 11875 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg CeAf English

BBC Darfur Salaam:

0500-0530 5950 SKN 300 kW / 150 deg Sudan Arabic
0500-0530 6035 SKN 300 kW / 140 deg Sudan Arabic
1700-1730 5965 RMP 500 kW / 140 deg Sudan Arabic
1700-1730 9760 CYP 250 kW / 185 deg Sudan Arabic

BBC World Service:

0500-0700 5895 KVI 035 kW / 190 deg WeEu English DRM
0700-0800 5875 KVI 035 kW / 190 deg WeEu English DRM
1700-2000 5895 KVI 035 kW / 190 deg WeEu English DRM
2000-2300 5875 KVI 035 kW / 190 deg WeEu English DRM
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Dec 17 via DXLD)

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Radio Mustaqbal:

0545-0615 15400 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg EaAf Somali Mon-Wed
0545-0615 15400 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf Somali Sat
0620-0650 15400 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf Somali Mon/Tue/Sat

0730-0800 15530 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf Somali Mon-Wed/Sat
0805-0835 15530 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf Somali Mon/Tue/Sat
1130-1200 15340 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf Somali Mon-Wed/Sat
1205-1235 17660 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg EaAf Somali Mon/Tue/Sat

Southern Sudan Interactive Radio Instruction:

0600-0630 15445 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg EaAf English Mon-Fri
0600-0630 15525 ARM 500 kW / 195 deg EaAf English Mon-Fri
0630-0700 15445 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg EaAf English Mon/Wed/Fri
0630-0700 15675 MEY 250 kW / 007 deg EaAf English Mon/Wed/Fri
1400-1430 15390 ARM 200 kW / 188 deg EaAf English Tue/Thu/Sat
1400-1430 15675 MEY 250 kW / 007 deg EaAf English Tue/Thu/Sat
[the 1400 broadcasts are NOT //, and probably others are not either]

Radio Vlaanderen Internationaal:

0700-0757 9790 SKN 250 kW / 180 deg WeEu Dutch
1800-1857 6040 SKN 250 kW / 180 deg WeEu Dutch

KBS World Radio

0700-0800 9870 SKN 300 kW / 110 deg WeEu Korean
1430-1500 9750 WOF 035 kW / 102 deg WeEu English Fri DRM, ex RMP
1800-1900 7235 RMP 500 kW / 062 deg EaEu Russian
1900-2000 7180 RMP 500 kW / 168 deg NoAf Arabic
2000-2100 3955 SKN 250 kW / 106 deg WeEu German
2100-2200 3955 SKN 300 kW / 175 deg WeEu French
2200-2230 3955 SKN 250 kW / 106 deg WeEu English

Star Radio Liberia

0700-0730 9525 ASC 250 kW / 027 deg CeAf English/Local

West Africa Democracy Radio

0700-0800 11975 SKN 300 kW / 180 deg WeAf English
0800-0900 17860 SKN 300 kW / 180 deg WeAf French
0900-1000 17860 SKN 300 kW / 180 deg WeAf English
1000-1100 17860 SKN 300 kW / 180 deg WeAf French

Cotton Tree News Sri Leone

0730-0800 9525 ASC 250 kW / 027 deg CeAf English/Local

Trans World Radio Africa

0830-0915 11985 ASC 250 kW / 027 deg WeAf French
1300-1315 13745 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg EaAf Afar Fri/Sat
1730-1800 9745 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg EaAf Tigrinya Fri
1800-1845 9590 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf Amharic

UNMEE

0900-1000 15440 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf English/Others Sun
1030-1130 15440 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf English/Others Tue

CVC International

1000-1100 11815 MOS 035 kW / 295 deg WeEu English DRM

Free North Korea Radio

1000-1100 9730 TAI 100 kW / 002 deg KRE Korean
1300-1400 9930 WHR 100 kW / 300 deg KRE Korean Mon-Fri
2000-2030 7510 NVS 250 kW / 085 deg KRE Korean, addit.
2030-2130 9645 TAI 100 kW / 002 deg KRE Korean

Radio Japan NHK World

1100-1130 9750 WOF 035 kW / 102 deg WeEu English Fri DRM, ex RMP
1130-1200 9750 WOF 035 kW / 102 deg WeEu Russian Fri DRM, ex RMP

Eternal Good News

1130-1145 15525 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg SoAs English Fri

Radio Taiwan International

1200-1300 9750 WOF 035 kW / 102 deg WeEu English Fri DRM, ex RMP
1900-2000 3955 SKN 250 kW / 106 deg WeEu German
1900-2000 3985 SKN 250 kW / 175 deg WeEu French

Radio Free Chosun

1200-1300 9950 TAI 100 kW / 002 deg KRE Korean
1330-1400 9950 TAI 100 kW / 002 deg KRE Korean

Cornerstone Ministries International/Voice of Wilderness

1300-1330 9940 TAI 100 kW / 002 deg KRE Korean
2000-2030 9795 TAI 100 kW / 002 deg KRE Korean

Shiokaze

1400-1430 5985 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE Korean
2030-2100 5965 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE Japanese

Radio New Zealand International

1400-1430 9750 WOF 035 kW / 102 deg WeEu English Sat DRM, ex RMP

Little Saigon Radio

1500-1530 7390 TAI 100 kW / 250 deg Asia Vietnamese

Furusato no Kaze/Wind of Hometown

1600-1630 9780 TAI 250 kW / 045 deg KRE Japanese

Nippon no Kaze

1700-1730 9820 TAI 100 kW / 002 deg KRE Korean

HCJB Global

1700-1730 9805 SKN 300 kW / 070 deg EaEu Russian

2100-2145 12025 SAC 250 kW / 073 deg NoAf Arabic [and Berber!]

SW Radio Africa

1700-1900 4880 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg SoAf English

1700-1900 7125 WOF 250 kW / 160 deg SoAf English

Voice of Meselna Delina

1800-1830 12015 HRA 250 kW / 090 deg EaAf Tigrigna Mon-Fri

Eglise du Christ

1900-1930 7260 SKN 250 kW / 175 deg NoAf French Thu

Voice of Biafra International

2000-2100 15665 HRI 250 kW / 087 deg WeAf English Fri

Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation

2215-2245 6180 CYP 250 kW / 314 deg SEEu Greek Fri-Sun

2215-2245 7210 CYP 300 kW / 314 deg SEEu Greek Fri-Sun

2215-2245 9760 CYP 250 kW / 315 deg SEEu Greek Fri-Sun

Radio Rep'blica

2200-2400 6135 RMP 500 kW / 285 deg Cuba Spanish

0000-0200 6155 RMP 500 kW / 285 deg Cuba Spanish

0200-0400 6100 SAC 250 kW / 176 deg Cuba Spanish

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Dec 20, via DXLD)

NOTE: the last entry is still doubtful; the B-07 season began with something else from Sackville during this time!

6100 0230 0400 4,7-11 SAC 100 240 1234567 281007 290308 D FR/EN/SP CAN
VAT VAT 4001

and Vatican soon moved to 6040 because of collision with R. Rep'blica. If Sackville was really running two services on the same frequency at the same time, that was a colossal mixup; and there was something similar in a previous season, indicating lack of co[^]rdination, not surprising since Rep'blica usage is hidden even from HFCC. But even from different sites, they could not co[^]exist (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. GOD, PIRATES AND OVALTINIES, Saturday 5 January, 8.00-9.00pm
BBC RADIO 4 BBC Archive Hour --- on pre-war commercial radio:

God, Pirates And Ovaltinies, presented by Sean Street, Professor of Radio at Bournemouth University, explores the tension between the BBC and commercial radio stations, and the cultural and technical revolution in sound broadcasting in the Thirties.

From 1920 to the late Thirties, the battle for UK radio audiences was

primarily a contest between the BBC and the commercial European radio stations, such as Radio Normandy, Radio Toulouse and Poste Parisien, all broadcasting populist sponsored English language programming.

Radio audiences were huge, especially among the working-class population of Britain, and particularly on Sundays, which for the BBC remained "The Lord's Day". The Radio Times listing for Sunday 5 March 1939 includes five religious programmes broadcast between 9.30 am and 10.30 pm.

The eventual birth of the famous children's show The League Of Ovaltinies, broadcast on Sunday afternoons, was the commercial answer to a public longing for entertainment, drawing vast audiences.

Presenter/Sean Street, Producer/Julian May

BBC Radio 4 Publicity (via Mike Barraclough, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** U S A. 25950/FM, KOA Denver CO studio relay; 1819-1836+, 13-Dec; News-Radio 8-50 KOA; Mike Rosen local call-in show; Todd Parker Time Saver Traffic.; Denver ads including Clear Choice dental implants and Williams Jewelers; Rush Limbaugh at Noon spot. Fady and barely moving S-meter, but VGood peaks (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

Winter sporadic E openings are happening, up into VHF TV, even FM band (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Surprised to find big collision between two US SW stations on 7465, Dec 20 at 0642; they were at roughly equal very strong level, taking turns dominating, roughly 10 Hz apart in a big SAH. Both with preachers, Christians vs Christians! One changed programs at 0644 from Midnight Cry to Pastor Shockley (sp?), from the Key West Church of God; the other did not. The other I couldn't help but recognize as Pastor Pete Peters. Oh, oh, he's supposed to be on 5890 via WWCR. Checked that frequency: vacant. So WWCR had stayed on 7465 long past the scheduled switch to 5890 at 0400, and WHRA was the other one on 7465, scheduled 0500-0700 per WHR site, and then off the air, but registered available until 0900. At 0658 I sure thought it was a WHRI ID instead, then off without the usual 'next frequency' announcement, leaving WWCR in the clear. Sometime between then and the next time I checked, 1339, WWCR had switched to 5890 with usual Power Hour. Adam Lock was on the phone until hourtop in his post-WWCR job promoting Berkey water softeners (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: Shortwave? News to me CC owns a SW station, unless indirectly. Which? (gh)

Searching on the headline, found the source was:

<http://www.lewrockwell.com/blog/lewrw/archives/017694.html>

Well, after wasting my time searching CCU and shortwave broadcasting and various synonyms, I'm pretty sure I know what happened here. Some Wiki-pedian saw that international radio was listed in CCU's About Us portion of their site and assumed shortwave radio was synonymous, which it isn't, especially in this case. In fact, the only places that I really see CCU and shortwave being mentioned together were the sites already mentioned, some posts on rec.shortwave group, and Wikipedia. So, some lazy journalist thought "I'll look up Clear Channel on Wikipedia to save some time." At least that is my theory on it. After all, Wikipedia is gospel isn't it? Yes, I am being facetious about Wikipedia being gospel. It is a good site, but ah, never mind, no time to get on a soapbox now (kd5gnsw, Dec 19, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. For the last several nights, WLS 890 has been lighting the stereo pilot on my MCS AM Stereo radio. Does this mean they have also given up on IBOC and are broadcasting in stereo again instead? Inquiring minds want to know what the heck is going on! //kv zichi (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 20 via DXLD)

** U S A. 770, WABC, NYC NY --- Curtis Sliwa is still on, 5-6 am weekdays [10-11 UT], before Imus. Now doing his show from a "closet" sized studio instead of the main studio. 12/3 (Larry Russell, MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 20 via DXLD)

** U S A. TOWER(S) DOWN IN SCRANTON --- Not that things are all that pleasant right now here in upstate NY (especially right here, where I was sideswiped by a hit-and-run driver on the way to work early this morning - I'm fine, but the car isn't) --- but it's much worse, apparently, 200 miles away in Scranton.

WNEP-TV is reporting that it lost a tower to the storm overnight, and it now appears that WYOU-TV lost its tower as well. It's my understanding that WNEP-DT was on a separate tower. S (Scott Fybush, NY, Dec 16, WTFDA via DXLD)

Stations within 1 km of the WNEP-16 tower:

WBRE-DT 11 (120m)*
WYOU-DT 13 (120m)*
WNEP-TV 16 *
WYOU-TV 22 (120m)*
WBRE-TV 28 (450m)
WVIA-DT 41 (130m)
WVIA-TV 44 (130m)
WOLF-DT 45 (260m)

WNEP-DT	49	(260m)	
WOLF-TV	56	(260m)	
W208AF	89.5	(260m)	
WVIA-FM	89.9	(120m)	
WCLH	90.7	(38m)	
W217BN	91.3	(240m)	
WQFM	92.1	(240m)	(backup only, main is elsewhere)
WMGS	92.9	(120m)*	(backup only, main is below)
WMGS	92.9	(70m)	
WBHT	97.1	(60m)	
WBSX	97.9	(70m)	
W262AI	100.3	(160m)	

Towers marked with an * are reported down.

Note that WNEP-DT is indeed NOT on the same tower as their analog. However, neither is WYOU-DT -- and their DTV *is* on the WYOU tower which is reported down.

Most of these towers are really close together - if one comes down it's likely to come across the guy wires of another - so I wouldn't be too surprised if more than two towers are lost (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

Add an asterisk to the WVIA tower - its guy wires were hit by the WNEP tower as it came down, and it's down now as well. As of noon, the WYOU/WBRE-DT tower was standing, but "heavily loaded and visibly stressed," per an e-mail from someone in close contact with the situation. The WOLF tower lost a guy wire in the WNEP collapse, but was still standing at last report. Scary, scary stuff.

[Later:] WSWB 38 (and WQPX 64) are at the "other" Scranton site, Bald Mountain NW of Scranton. I've heard nothing at all yet about the status of that site.

The latest on the Penobscot Mountain site (from which I just got the first pictures) is: WNEP-TV's analog tower is down, crushing the building and destroying both transmitters inside. A guy wire from WNEP took down the top half of the WVIA-TV tower adjacent. There's a guy wire cut on the WOLF-TV (56) tower nearby. There's also a "loose, but not detached" guy wire on the WNEP-DT tower. WNEP-DT is on the air at 50% power. I'm eager to hear whether there's any sign of the FMs up there - 89.9, 92.9, 97.1, 97.9 s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

I'd say WNEP just made the DTV transition a bit earlier than they'd planned: <http://www.wnep.com/Global/story.asp?S=7503525&nav=5ka4> (Curtis Sadowski, IL, ibid.)

WNEP is still off the air, analog, but its DT signal is on from a separate site (and is streaming, complete with ABC network programming, at wnep.com). WVIA-TV's analog service was restored from a shorter aux tower at the same site. WVIA-FM (89.9), which was fairly low on the TV tower, survived as well. WVIA-DT is silent and will be for a while. Some of the other towers on Penobscot suffered power failures and heavy icing, and the signals have been going on and off up there all day. Much more in the morning at <http://fybush.com> including pics... s (Scott Fybush, 0145 UT Dec 17, ABDX via DXLD)

At 11 pm on 10/31/2007, WNEP 16 was in quite strong so I captured a few screenshots. Little did I know that just might be the final time that WNEP 16's analog signal would be seen here in Western Massachusetts. Pics posted here <http://s201.photobucket.com/albums/aa155/jrostr626/WNEP%2016%20Last%20DX%20Pics/> (Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, Sangean HDT-1, Winegard HD 6065P at 35 Ft, WTFDA via DXLD)

Pics of Penobscot Mountain from WBRE/WYOU
<http://pahomepage.com/content/fulltext/?sid=b09d1f0166fb2b4ee52c8221e6a07632&cid=22552>

These pictures are from the WBRE/WYOU website of the towers that came down Sunday morning. It has been reported that engineers from WVIA 44 could not find the top of their tower as it was hidden under snow and sleet. WNEP 16 now has a live feed up on their homepage. Now with WNEP 16 gone could a good tropo opening to the W-SW bring up WQEX Pittsburgh or WGPX Burlington NC as WNEP would cover them right up (Jeff Rostron, Springfield Ma Sangean HDT-1 Winegard HD 6065P @ 35Ft WTFDA via DXLD)

Sunday morning before 7 AM, the WNEP 16 older 800 foot analog tower collapsed due to ice loading and high winds. Apparently when that tower came down, it took out some of the guy wires for the WVIA TV tower, knocking down the upper half of that tower and that took out the WVIA 44 and digital 41 transmitters. When the WNEP tower came down, it took out the power lines to most of the other transmitters on Penobscot Mountain which includes: WYOU analog 22 & digital 13, WBRE digital 11, WVIA analog 44 & digital 41, WOLF analog 56 & digital 45 which also carried the WSWB 38 digital and the WQMY 53 digital also. WBRE analog 28 which is farther east of these towers was also off the air for a good part of Sunday due to the loss of power also.

Also affected were the following FM transmitters which were also off the air: WVIA 89.9, WMGS 92.9, WBHT 97.1, & WBSX 97.9. Probably these stations were off also: WCLH 90.7, WRTY 94.9, and WKRZ 98.5. The NWS transmitter on 162.550 was off the air.

WNEP-DT 49 is on the same tower as WOLF analog and digital. The WNEP-DT signal is back on the air. WVIA 44 has an older auxiliary tower which is shorter, so they were able to come back on the air at a lower power. The WVIA digital signal on CH 41 will be off the air for an extended period of time. WYOU 22 and digital 13 along with the WBRE digital 11 are still off the air and probably will be for a few more days until electrical power is restored to that tower. Most of the FM signals were back on the air today (Monday).

For part of the day Sunday even CH 38 WSWB was off the air along with the transmitters at Penobscot Mountain (Bob Seaman, via Mike Bugaj, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. KJML Tower Collapse thread:
<http://missouriradio.mywowbb.com/forum2/323.html>
(via John Tudenham, Joplin, DXLD)

** U S A. OT : Storm === Greetings, As I sit here typing this, there is a 70 MPH wind gusting outside, but nothing like the winds we went through nearly 3 weeks ago. This is a garden variety storm which we are used to. In listening to a report on KAST Astoria this morning, giving a detailed account of our BIG storm. They reported that this was the first time the U.S. Weather Service had ever given a Hurricane Warning on the West Coast, as we don't really have hurricanes per se, but they made an exception this time. For the record, we had gusts out here between Seaside and Astoria of 143 MPH, with sustained winds of 128. Naselle WA North of me, not even on the coast, had wind gusts of 147 and Astoria had 129. We had swells of 50-60 feet.

Over 2800 structures in Clatsop County were destroyed or damaged. No internet, cel, phone, 9-1-1 for several days and all highways leaving the coast including 101, 30, and 26 were blocked by hundreds of trees down. This one will go down in the history books as the biggest storm to ever have hit the coast in recent history going back to at least the 1800's. I hope to never experience another like this in my life. Yet, I was fortunate as my house stayed intact. But as I drive around Clatsop County, the destruction is so apparent. Thousands of trees down everywhere. Sure, life is beginning to get back on track, but it will be years until things really get back to normal, if nothing else to replant all of the trees. Even where I live, looking across the lake from my house, I can easily see homes I never used to see that easily, as now there are no trees blocking the view. 73, (Patrick Martin. Seaside OR, Dec 19, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. PUBLIC RADIO STATIONS BATTLE OVER 91.7 FREQUENCY
By NATHAN BROWN, Enterprise Staff Writer

SARANAC LAKE ó Although North Country Public Radio will stay on the

air in Lake Placid for a while, its long-term control of wavelength 91.7 FM is up in the air.

WAMC, a fellow National Public Radio affiliate station in Albany, has filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission to take that frequency. WAMC has applied for eight other additional frequencies in eastern and central New York, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire.

The FCC opened what is called an application window of opportunity in late October, said Ellen Rocco, station manager of NCPR. About a week or so later, the FCC posted the applications on its Web site. This, Rocco said, is how she found out about the conflict; Alan Chartock, president and CEO of WAMC, never contacted her.

I have since had several conversations with Chartock, she said. What Alan tells me is he took this opportunity of the application window, the first such window in 10 years, to put out as many applications as he could wherever he could — which is less intentional than the way we approach it. We consider ourselves a service to the region, and it is a definable region. Alan Chartock operates more from a — let's try and reach as much of the Northeast as we can — angle. ...
<http://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/include/articles.asp?articleID=9681>

Comments:

<http://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/include/articles.asp?articleID=9690>
<http://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/include/articles.asp?articleID=9711>
(via DXLD)

**** U S A. KPOV, SEEKING FULL-POWER LICENSE, MUST COMPETE WITH OTHER STATIONS**

By Andrew Moore / The Bulletin Published: December 17. 2007 5:00AM PST

Bend radio station KPOV 106.7 FM, also known as Bend Community Radio, has hired a California attorney to help it acquire a full-power noncommercial license from the Federal Communications Commission that the station chief says is critical to improving the station's reach and ensuring it stays on the air.

The station applied for the license in October but last month discovered two other broadcasters had applied for the same frequency — 88.9 FM — sought by KPOV. They are Jefferson Public Radio, based in Ashland, and United Christian Broadcasting, which owns KDOV in Medford.

The application for the frequency pits KPOV — an FCC-licensed low-power station with a 2-watt signal — against a Christian-themed broadcaster seeking listeners in Central Oregon and a National Public

Radio affiliate seeking to strengthen an existing signal near Chemult. A decision isn't expected for a few months, but the winner may be the applicant that the FCC deems the most local, according to KPOV board President Mike Riley . . .
<http://www.bendbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071217/BIZ0102/712170357>
(Bend Bulletin, OR, via DXLD)

** U S A. JAZZ, CLASSICAL NON-COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS LAUNCHED IN LARAMIE <http://www.uwyo.edu/news/showrelease.asp?id=19400>

Dec. 19, 2007 -- New radio stations offering classical and jazz music can now be heard in Laramie 24 hours daily.

The Wyoming Public Radio (WPR) Network recently launched Classical Laramie KUWY 88.5 FM and Jazz Laramie KUWL 90.1 FM. Both stations feature Laramie weather forecasts and Wyoming Public Radio news, says Roger Adams, Wyoming Public Radio program director.

He says KUWY offers the same classical selection heard until recently on KVOD's Laramie translator.

KUWY offers the greatest classical compositions, in their finest recorded performances, introduced by knowledgeable announcers, Adams says. It also offers insightful commentary, special shows and features about the music and musicians.

KUWL showcases the finest performances of jazz, plus BBC World Service news updates at the top of each hour. The lineup features music by both renowned masters and exciting new artists, including Clifford Brown, Billie Holiday, John Coltrane and many more, Adams says.

Classical Laramie and Jazz Laramie are a service of the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming Public Radio Network, which also operate the statewide Wyoming Public Radio (WPR), the Classical Channel HD on KUWY-FM in Laramie and Cheyenne, KUWC-FM in Casper and KUWJ-FM in Jackson, as well as associated Web sites, podcasts, and streaming Internet audio. Posted on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

These are in addition to the original KUWR in Laramie on 91.9. Per the last FM Atlas, KVOD (Colorado Public Radio) Laramie translator was on 107.1 --- so what became of it? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Glenn: -- From #153: "...Disney's argument that 24 hour operations is necessary to be a comfort to children who wake up in the middle of the night. I think that's Mom and Dad's job, not Disney's..."

-- Gerry's right on. Any so-called "parent" who would even think of relying on Disney crap to mollify a restless offspring, vis-à-vis a personal approach, should have their child taken away from them. Parents have searched for surrogate solutions to such dilemmas pretty much since the beginning of the postwar Baby Boom, which is partly why the world is as f/ed up as it is. Just park the brats in front of the tube, ply them with endless reams of Disney-processed effluenza, and let it all take care of itself. Anything Disney embodies the worst aspects of Capitalism, and shoving that shit down a child's throat borders on psychological abuse. Have a nice day (GREG HARDISON, CA, Dec 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Radio: Today, it's war. Posted: 18 Dec 2007 06:51 AM CST
John Gorman's Media Blog

Leading the charge is Boy Kevin Martin, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, which he believes to be his own personal hackery. Just in case you haven't figured it out yet, the victim du jour is you.

Martin is trying to push through more deregulation; allowing corporations in nearly all major cities to own TV and radio stations and newspapers in the same market.

He wrote off criticism from Congress as bipartisan politics and said that he was not convinced that we would ever reach a consensus on media ownership.

Kev, ever think there's good reason for that? But I digress.

Even a threat by Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) to investigate some of the improprieties uncovered by the dreaded General Accounting Office on Martin's leaks to certain media companies and trade groups failed to deter the Boy Kevster.

Martin refuses to admit that he broke any rules. He was just passing along inside information to those companies and groups so they could get their lobbying efforts in order. It always helps to know which palms need to be greased and when. What's so bad about that?

Face it. When was the last time you heard of the corrupt being prosecuted and convicted in Washington anyway? If there's one thing those Bushoid Republicans can't stand, it's democracy.

Even our beer drinkin', hell raisin' Fumbles had the NAB launching a defend Kevvie campaign, though the latter considers the former a mess in a dress. It's probably the only thing I'd ever agree with the

Kevster on.

Those backing the Kev claim the need for more flexibility and rule relaxing and anything less critically jeopardizes its competitive fight with new media. It is a weak argument considering radio and TV are free media and the alleged new media competition they're whining about isn't.

How to survive in Washington? Never confuse anyone with the facts.

Times and technology have changed and there are old rules that should no longer apply in this brave new world ñ but the issues and solutions are not as black and white as Martin claims.

Personally, I liked the ethically-impaired Martin's *raison d'être* for pushing through more deregulation. He claims the major chains are truly concerned for the smaller station chains and the few remaining independent owners, whose backs, they claim, would be crushed by the costs and paperwork that would come with increased regulation.

In their world, clusters surrounding and squeezing an independent radio station for ad revenue, has nothing to do with the ability for those stations to survive.

Just a couple of weeks back, the Senate Commerce Committee fired off a message to Kev declaring its unanimous endorsement of a bill, which would oblige the FCC to address localism and minority ownership before acting on larger media ownership rules.

Martin is a cockroach. His earth gets scorched and he is still standing. His cross-ownership campaign should've been dead by now, but it isn't. Kev got his way and lived to see another day when Sam Zell got his Tribune waiver ñ and that waiver is proving to be a game plan that could fall Kevvie's way should the deregulation stalemate end up in court.

In his world, wrong is the new right.

Some claim Martin may try to turn his FCC deregulation proposal into a swap meet. Give me what I want and I'll throw you a bone. Maybe. Maybe not.

He could claim he'll acquiesce on re-regulation of stations for the option of having companies prove that they're acting in the public interest and creating a *live operator* rule, a nonsensical, unenforceable rule that stations must have at least the stink of one live human being operator on duty at all times.

The chains, of course, will claim poverty, insisting that would add even more work to overworked and underpaid program directors who are already overseeing multiple stations (not to mention those well-listened to HD Radio stations) ñ sometimes in multiple markets ñ and that the bulk of the grunt work will fall on them.

So it is everyone else's problem that these companies abided by the greater fool theory and significantly overpaid for their radio properties?

Let ñem eat smoke from a distant fire sale.

Then there is that pesky rumor leaking out of Martin's office about foreign ownership ñ or at the very least, foreign investment in U.S. broadcast media.

Maybe he'll play swap meet on that deal, too, and settle for allowing U.S. stations to hire Baahir, Bhumin, and Bandhu from Bangalore to voice-track.

That is a joke. I think. You are subscribed to email updates from John Gorman's Media Blog (via Bob Young, IRCA via DXLD)

Isn't it wonderful how the Commission really respects and takes into account the views of people who opposed this proposal? I realize they had public hearings but you have to wonder why they even bother going through the procedure when it seems that Kevin Martin has his mind made up in advance and nothing anybody says is going to change it. You can understand why some people believe that all politicians and others in Washington can be bought off. I don't share that belief but I can understand how others feel that way (Larry Stoler, *ibid.*)

** U S A. What operates CW on 426 500 4350.5 6474.0 8438.3 12993.0 16914.0 and 22445.8 kHz on Saturday afternoons? If you said KSM, you'd be right. But what is KSM, you ask?

KSM is a commercial, common carrier coast station in the grand tradition of KPH and the dozens of other such stations that once existed in the USA. When the license for KPH was sold to Globe Wireless the MRHS (Maritime Radio Historical Society) felt it needed its own coast station to carry on the traditions and preserve the skills of the art of maritime radio through actual use.

KSM uses the original transmitters, receivers and antennas of KPH. The station is licensed for communications with ships at sea using both CW and RTTY modes in the MF and HF marine bands. KSM operations usually start at about 2000Z during US standard time. However the Transmitter Department will probably be testing the 22 Mc transmitter

before then. Listeners may hear a carrier, a hand keyed ID or maybe the KSM wheel depending on what the Engineer in Charge decides to do (Paul Dobosz, MARE Tipsheet Dec 20 via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. 13590, Christian Voice; 2026, 18-Dec; Jeezus pop music; CVC spot at 2027. SI0=454-. 13650, Christian Voice; 1617-1634+, 19-Dec; M&W in English with Jeezus pop music -- sounds like Radio Disney; phone # and Aussie address to name your favorite cricket player; CVC spot at 1631+ then into brief news and more music. SI0=352+ (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

I suppose we should start filing this as AUSTRALIA [non]; seems they still don't have their studio in RSA up, providing African-orientated programming (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA: 11735, Radio Tanzania, Dar es Salaam/Zanzibar; 1902-2002+, 13-Dec; two men in discussion of Vatican and Africa with phone calls; news 1930-1945 then brief remote reports; 1948-2000 Mid-East style music; tones at ToH, then brief commentary re Israel / Palestine to 2002 then more Mid-East style music. ID spot at BoH used only RTDeS several times; RTZ mentioned twice during news (but didn't sound like a formal ID) and RTZ again at 2002. All in LL [unID language; presumably Swahili]. SI0=454-, best ever recall hearing (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Does anybody know about this broadcast below? I think it's from USA. Aoki haven't mentions about this. 4725 kHz, 12/17, English, 2315-2325, female talks "Newport", "The United States", music; noisy, short pieces readable. 23322 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil (23 33 S, 46 51 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Newport reminds one of WTJC/WBOH, but don't see how they could put a spur on 4725. They might do so on 3450, which is 9370 minus 5920, or for that matter, 15290! -- the sum. Leapfrogs would be 12820 and 2470. Even if there is a local MW station at same site, a mix with 9370 or 5920 would have to end in zero (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The UNID on 4725 is surely missionary station WBOH, Newport North Carolina on 5920. I'm not sure how the numbers add up to create an image at 4725 (Jerry Lenamon, TX, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Re 7-153, net on 5195+:

Nothing on WQSR277, but WQFR277 comes back off the FCC search site as Texas DOT @ Austin. They are licensed on 5195.0 and other Operation SECURE frequencies. Nice catch, was the time (1430) local or UTC? [UT ñ gh] Click on the link below & you can access more info &

the additional frequencies:

<http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=2843634>

Likely Operation SECURE. Mostly EOCs in various States. Oklahoma, Missouri did/do have voice nets also, while New Hampshire & New York are active in ALE.

The Texas DOT HF Radio Network is featured in the following Icom article. Apparently, the Texas DOT maintains a separate network from the EOCs, but shares the frequencies:

http://icomamerica.com/en/media_events/news/ianews/pdf/iaNews_0711.pdf
(Jack L. Metcalfe, Stanford, KY, UDXF yg via DXLD) Excerpts:

High frequency is making a comeback in public safety systems, says Paul Gilbert, a network specialist for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Radio Operations located in Austin, Texas. It requires very little infrastructure ó no towers, no repeaters. This, in turn, translates into a low-cost, highly resilient emergency communications system.

If communications went down, the HF network would be critical for coordinating the department's disaster response and updating state officials on the status of events. The department's HF network uses frequencies licensed on the public safety band. Comprised of 26 fixed, one mobile, and two portable stations, the network primarily uses Icom M710 radios (via gh, DXLD)

So the frequencies FCC lists (lower edge, along with matching 1.4 kHz higher): 7935, 7932, 7805, 7802, 5195, 5192, 5140, 2812, 2804, 2801, 2587, 2422, 2419, 2326 kHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Glenn. Really *nice catch*í there are too few of these on UDXF nowadays, & I really enjoyed it.

Oklahoma has or had an Op SECURE net that I used to copy here on 7477.0 USB (I think). Missouri also had a weekly net on one of the 5 Meg frequencies, but I haven't heard or been able to listen for them for quite some time. I'm going to dig through my logs and see when I last heard both and if you have a chance maybe you could have a listen and see if they're still active.

Great day in the morning, didn't realize it had been that long on these (listed below) logs! I'm going to have to give these a look after the first of the year and see if I can catch any activity. Let me know if you catch any other also. I seem to remember the times varied on these nets whenever daylight saving time started or stopped, so obviously they are/were working on local times.

5140.0 KNFG267, Oklahoma City, OK EOC net control for the OK Operation
SECURE HF Radio Net: 1505 USB voice. Switched to 7477.0 USB voice at
1515 UTC. Other stations in the net:

WNUW217 Ardmore, OK (Carter County EOC)
WPBV938 Beaver, OK (Beaver County EOC)
WNPV700 Durant, OK (Bryan County EOC)
WNUW215 Ponca City, OK (Kay County EOC)
WNUW211 Oklahoma City, OK (Oklahoma County EOC)
KNGR728 Rush Springs, OK (Grady County EOC)
WGY926 Oklahoma City, OK (OK State EOC)
UNID Call (OK Department of Public Health EOC)
KNBV428 Santa Fe, NM (Santa Fe County EOC) (09/FEB/05) (JLM)

5140.0 KNNT321, Greenwood, MO, WNUS448, Union, MO, WNBE830,
Jefferson City, MO and WNBE835, St. Charles, MO: 1433 USB MO
Operation SECURE (22/SEP/99) (JLM)

5140.0 WNBE830, JEFFERSON CITY, MO EOC? and WNBE835, Saint Charles,
MO: 1433 USB. Missouri Operation Secure Net with other stations buried
in the static. (08/SEP/99) (JLM) (Jack L. Metcalfe, Stanford, KY, Dec
20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15710, heavy Cuban-style jamming still going Dec 20 at
1906 check. Target still totally blocked here if there is really
anything under it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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LOTS of below the ~~~~~ line material is being held over (gh)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: SERBIA [and non]; UK [and non]

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Many thanks to Gerald T. Pollard, NC, for a 'winter solstice 2007'  
check in the mail to Glenn Hauser, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 (WORLD  
OF RADIO 1387) ###